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ENHANCING MILK COMPONENT  
CONCENTRATIONS

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### AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on March 31, 2000.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (Amended) A method of producing feed for a ruminant, the method comprising:
- combining a sugar alcohol and at least one additional component to form the feed;
- and
- protecting the sugar alcohol from significant alteration in the rumen of the ruminant[.].